



Mission Statement: *To Make Disciples Of All People, Through The Propagation Of The Gospel, Evangelism Programmes, Promotion Of Godliness And Moral Behaviour In Our Country And To Be A Source Of Charity ((Love) And Support To All We Meet.*



Providence Methodist Church

14th. Lord's Day After Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 14th, September 2025

9:00 a.m.



Theme: *Returning to Our Roots: A Methodist Church for the Caribbean and the Americas - Loving, Serving, Transforming.*

Subtheme: *Our Roots Committed to Serving God and Others*

Text for Today: Luke 15: 7 and 10: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Ministering Servants

The Preacher for Today: Revd. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite

Musicians: Brothers Kumar Whitehead and Anthony Mayers

Congregational Steward: Bro. Hussein Brewster

Multimedia: Brothers Ryan Eastmond and Clarkson Prescott

**The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
Worshipping on Connexional Lord's Day 2025**

Sunday 14th September (14th Lord's Day after Pentecost)

Connexional President: Bishop, the Rev'd Juan M. Simpson B

Connexional Vice-President: Miss Lilieth C. Deacon

Connexional Secretary: Rev'd Jacqueline H. Liddell

Treasurer of Connexional Funds: Mr Reginald Thomas

Returning to Our Roots:

**A Methodist Church for the Caribbean and the Americas
(Loving, Serving, Transforming)**

Order of Worship

THE PREPARATION

Introit:

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing (VIP 15)

Call To Worship:

We gather in the presence of God:

Who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep, and in all the moments in between.

We gather in the house of God:

Who has created a family for us, in the several Districts of the Caribbean and the Americas

We gather to be the people of God:

Who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.

Hymn: And Are We Yet Alive (392)

Opening Prayer

Triune God of all creation, we praise you for this world and its people. All you have made, and all you do is wonderful, beautiful. We want to worship and serve you. Lead us, we pray, to worship you in Spirit and in truth here in this place of adoration, so that we may worship you in our lives as we go forth to serve. Amen.

Time of Praise (choruses and testimonies)

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Reconciliation

Our sins are not to be hidden from God. Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness and will transform our brokenness into wholeness. Please join me as we pray, saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News - we are God's new creation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Thom. M. Shuman, 2016)

Welcome (Bro. Hussein Brewster)

Ministry by Children and Youth

Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children (# 478)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 *(Sis. Sharon Campbell)*

The Psalm: 14 (VIP # 573) *(Sis Surleen Clarke)*

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 *(Sis. Harriet Puckerin Carter)*

Hymn: Ye Servants of God (# 248)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10 (Bro. Edward Warner)

The Message: Our Roots Committed to Serving God and Others

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THE RESPONSE

METHODIST SOCIAL CREED

1. We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts for personal gain.
2. We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its care, preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.
3. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others, the blessings of community, marriage and the family.
4. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, the dying, and those with handicaps; to improvement in the quality of life, and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.
5. We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the good of themselves and others; in the rights of property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and the cultivation of a simple lifestyle; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.
6. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to freedom for all people, and to the rule of justice and law among nations.
7. We believe in the present and final triumph of God in human affairs, and affirm that the world is our parish.

Renewal of Fellowship

Ministry in Song by the Choir

Announcements (Greetings, courtesies, congratulations, condolences and notices)

Tithes and offerings will be received.)

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving by Members of the Congregation

For the Leeward Islands, Jamaica and Guyana Districts led by a man

For the Belize/Honduras, South Caribbean and Bahamas/Turks and Caicos Islands

Districts led by a woman

For the Haiti and Panama/Costa Rica Districts led by a young person

For the local Congregation and community led by an older person

A PRAYER FOR CONNEXIONAL LORD'S DAY (everyone)

Forever God of new beginnings, Unchanging God, we give you praise and thanks for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. We continue to celebrate Your faithfulness and to claim our God given future as an autonomous conference within the one Holy Church since May 18, 1967. We are blessed at all that you have given to us as a Connexion.

Baptize us afresh with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus! Make your Church the new humanity whose faith is at work in the world. Bid us cease from seeking our own life, lest we lose it, as we mount the path to higher glory." May the Love of Christ constrain us; through Jesus Christ our Lord from whose heart His merciful graces and most precious blood still flow. And who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Chorus of Thanksgiving – Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

The Lord's Prayer (VIP 26)

The Passing of the Peace

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion: The liturgy for the Lord's Supper will be followed as in the Prayer Book, pages 76-79.

Holy Communion Hymn - Let Us Enter into Covenant with Christ (VIP 429)

Closing Hymn: Lord, Make Us One (411)

Benediction

It is God who has formed us as a community of faith.

Now, we will go to find and serve our sisters and brothers.

It is Jesus who has knit us together as partners in grace.

Now, we will go to bear the burdens of those around us.

It is the Spirit who gives us the words we need.

Now, we will go to speak for justice and hope for all.

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WELCOME

We welcome you to the Providence Methodist Church and hope you will find our worship inspiring, as we sing, pray and worship God. We welcome the Preacher for today, Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite

✚ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

September 15, 2025 - Sis Gloria Jeraldine Goodridge and Lamoya Worrell

September 18, 2025 - Sis Aaliyah Springer and Kevin Blackman

September 19, 2025 - Sis. Keisha Rouse and Sis. Janette Hackett,

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

September 19, 2025 - Sis. Carmetta & Bro. Clyde Rouse

PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for our nation and people, those mourning the loss of loved ones, as well as the sick and homebound: Sisters: Sylvia Daniel, Verona Trotman, Cynthia Layne, Patricia Felix and Pamela Henry. We give God thanks and praise for their lives, work and witness in our church and community.

NOTICES

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 10:00a.m. – Sunlight Bible Study resumes after a break. It will be facilitated by Rev. Pearson Blackman All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsals at the Providence Church. All members are encouraged to attend as well as those interested in joining the choir.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – Providence Church Prayer meeting at 8 a.m. Providence annex. Members of the Providence Congregation are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 15th Lord's Day after Pentecost. Join us at 9:00 a.m. service, when Sis. Dr. Natalie Philips will be the Preacher. The readings are: Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 (VIP # 611/568), 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13.

Sunday September 21 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Ebenezer chapel – The 180th Anniversary Service of the Ebenezer Methodist Church. You are cordially invited to attend. Your presence is deeply appreciated.

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via the Zoom Platform - Providence Congregational Pastoral Council Meeting. All Congregational and CARE Fund Stewards, Local Preachers who are members of the Congregation, Baptismal Roll Secretary, All Class and Assistant Class Leaders are expected to attend this meeting. Further details will be forwarded at a later date.

Friday September 26, 2025 – At the Bethel Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. - Bethel Circuit Youth Bible Study facilitated by Sis. Nkwa Daniel. All youth are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, September 27, 2025 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM National Union of Public Workers, Dalkeith House, Dalkeith Road, St. Michael – You are invited to *“Let’s Par-Tea”* with our Dalkeith Methodist family as they continue their 150th anniversary celebrations with the hosting of a tea party. Cost of a ticket is \$70.00. Kindly contact Sis. Rochelle Roberts at 246-262-4038 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 - Preachers' Retreat at the Codrington College, St. John from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. **Preachers**, you are encouraged to join us for a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and ministerial enrichment at this important gathering as we come together to strengthen our calling and deepen our commitment to serving God's people. **For questions, please contact either Bro. Michael Worrell at 234-2491 or Bro. Robert Daniel at 237-3862.**

Is God calling you to serve in a Pastoral Function? Those wishing to pursue this ministry can apply to the Superintendent Minister at adrian.odle@methodistscd.org.

Please be advised that bethel.circuit@methodistscd.org is the new official email address of Bethel Circuit the previous address, methodist@caribsurf.com should be discontinued. All future correspondence should be directed to the new address. Kindly update your records accordingly.

The Methodist Church, Bethel Circuit, invites every member to participate in our annual Holiday Toy Service. Members, we are almost three months away! As a community united by faith and a mission to serve, our mission is to ensure that no child in our community is forgotten this Christmas. The toy barrel has arrived in each of our congregations, We are asking for your help in filling it to the brim by donating a new, wrapped toy—labelled with the gender and age of the child. This initiative culminates in our special Toy Service on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at Bethel Methodist Church. Let’s gather to celebrate our accomplishments and give thanks for the blessings we are able to share. For more information, please contact: Sis. Kathy-Ann Long: (246) 230-4794 or Sis. Natalie Phillips: (246) 231-1791.

Additional information is posted on the notice board or available on our website at www.provmethchurchbb.com

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